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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Alan R. Brooks *et al.*

Application No.: 09/803,472

Filed: March 9, 2001

For: NOVEL ESTROGEN-REGULATED G  
PROTEIN GAMMA SUBUNIT:  
COMPOSITIONS AND METHODS  
OF USE

Examiner: David J. Steadman

Art Unit: 1652

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION  
REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed June 19, 2003, Applicants elect, with traverse, to prosecute the subject matter of Group I, claims 1-6, drawn to an isolated nucleic acid, an expression cassette, and an isolated eukaryotic cell comprising said expression cassette.

The foregoing election is made with traverse. Examination of the subject matter recited in the claims of Groups I-VI would not place a substantially greater burden on the Examiner. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to withdraw the Restriction Requirement and to consider claims 1-29 together in the present case.

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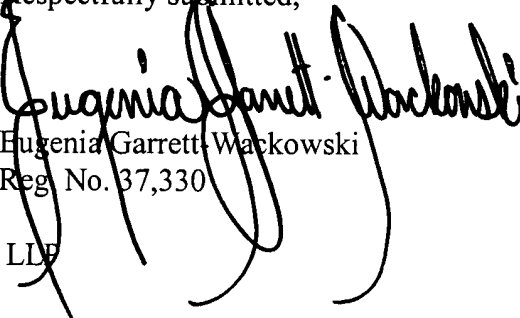
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**CONCLUSION**

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 925-472-5000.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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